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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, Applicant hereby submits a copy of a European Search Report dated April 12, 2005, with respect to patent family member European Patent Application No. EP 00106224.9, in which the following documents were cited:

- (1) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 8-130701, along with an English language abstract. Applicant notes that this document was previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 22, 2000;
- (2) European Patent Publication No. EP 0 749 244, together with patent family member U.S. Patent No. 6,069,902;

- (3) Japanese Laid-open Patent Publication No. HEI 10-243352, along with an English language abstract; and
- (4) U.S. Patent No. 6,334,022. Applicant notes that this patent is a family member of document (3), above.

The category of relevance, pertinent portions, and claims to which each document is relevant, as ascertained by the European Examiner are set forth in the European Search Report.

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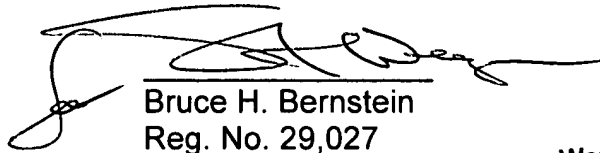
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Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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